AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In response to the Examiner's rejections, please amend claims 1, 10-17, and 19, as follows:

1.   (Amended) A method for converting content comprising the steps of:

receiving content expressed in a first state;

parsing said content expressed in a first state into at least a first segment and a second segment, said first segment having a first portion, said second segment having a second portion, said first portion and said second portion having overlapping portions of said content;

accessing a third segment of said content expressed in a second state, said third segment corresponding to one of said first and second segments;

accessing a fourth segment of said content expressed in the second state, said fourth segment corresponding to the other one of said first and second segments and having an overlapping portion with said third segment;

determining said content expressed in the second state based on combining said third and fourth segments; wherein said combining includes returning non-overlapping portions of said third and fourth segments with said overlapping portion based on the structure of said third and fourth segments; and

providing said content expressed in said second state.

2. – 9. (cancelled)

10.   (Amended) A method for translating idea content from a first state to a second state comprising the steps of utilizing a database of segment associations between content in said first state and said second state to convert the content of ~~the~~ a document in a first state into the document of a second state, wherein said conversion includes examining segments of content in said first state and segments of content in said second state, ~~and~~ removing similar segments from said examined first state content <u>to obtain a combined first state segement,</u> <u>removing similar segments from</u> ~~and~~ said examined second state content <u>to</u> <u>obtain a combined second state segment</u>, <u>wherein said obtaining of said</u> <u>combined first and second state segments occurs based on the structure of the</u> <u>combined first and second state segments,</u> and associating the content of said ~~first state content~~ <u>combined first state segment</u> with said <u>combined second state</u> <u>segment</u> ~~second state content after removal of similar segments~~.

11.   (Amended) A method of converting a document, the method comprising the steps of:

providing content comprising data segments in a first state associated with data segments in a second state;

selecting ~~the~~ <u>a</u> largest delimited portion of the document to be translated that begins with the first segment of the document and exists in a database;

retrieving from the database a segment in the second state associated with the located first segment in the first state;

selecting at least a second delimited portion in the first state that has one or more overlapping segments with the previous delimited segment in the first state;

retrieving from the database a segment in the second state associated with the located second segment in the first state;

returning the two ~~data segments~~ delimited portions in the first state ~~have~~ having overlapping ~~content~~ segments as a single data ~~segment~~ portion in the first state, with that single data portion in the first state comprising the non-overlapping segments of the first and second delimited portions, and the overlapping segments of both the first and second delimited portions;

returning, if the two data segments in the second state have overlapping ~~content~~ segments, a single data ~~segment~~ portion in the second state, with that single data portion in the second state comprising the non-overlapping segments in the second state, and the overlapping segments in the second state; and

associating said single data ~~segment~~ portion in said first state with said single data ~~segment~~ portion in said second state, thereby returning a conversion of said single data ~~segment~~ portion from said first state to said second state.

12.   (Amended) The method of claim 11, comprising ~~the~~ an additional step of repeating the selection of the largest delimited portion of the document to be

translated that exists in the database and begins with an overlapping segment of the last examined segment of the document.

13.   (Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said states occur in ~~the~~ a form of language.

14.   (Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said segments occur in ~~the~~ a form of a word or a plurality of words.

15.   (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein said states occur in ~~the~~ a form of language.

16.   (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein said segments occur in ~~the~~ a form of a word or a plurality of words.

17.   (Amended) A method of converting a document, the method comprising the steps of:

    (a)   providing content comprising data segments in a first state associated with data segments in a second state;

    (b)   selecting ~~the~~ a largest delimited segment of the document to be translated that begins with the first word of the document and exists in a database;

(c)   retrieving from the database a data segment in the second language associated with the located data segment in the first language;

(d)   selecting at least a second delimited segment in the first language that exists in the database and has one or a plurality of overlapping words with the previous delimited segment in the first language;

(e)   retrieving from the database a data segment in the second language associated with the located data segment in the first language; and

(f)   combining the two segments in the second language to form a translation if the two data segments have an overlapping word or plurality of words according to the sentence structure of the presented segments, and repeating steps (e) and (f) if the two data segments do not have an overlapping word or plurality of words until a data segment is located with an overlapping word or plurality of words.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising repeating steps (d) – (f) until the document is completely converted into a second state.

19.   (Amended) A computer system for converting content, comprising:

a computing device that receives content expressed in a first state and parses said content into at least a first segment and a second segment, said first segment having a first portion, said second segment having a second portion,

said first portion and said second portion having overlapping portions of said content;

wherein said computing device accesses third and fourth segments of said content that are each expressed in a second state, said third segment corresponding to one of said first and second segments, said fourth segment corresponding to another one of said first and second segments and having an overlapping portion with said third segment; and

wherein said computing device determines said content expressed in the second state based on said third and fourth segments having an overlapping portion and provides said content in the second state, wherein said determination includes returning non-overlapping portions of said third and fourth segments with said overlapping portion based on the structure of said third and fourth segments.

20. (Original) The computer system defined in claim 19, further comprising a database system which stores said third and fourth segments, wherein said computing device accesses said third and fourth segments from said database system.